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Art Dean w/ President (11:30)

Why we're out there & what we want to accomplish.

In. Concept: 'Independent'

Good News to my ears — I agree with everything you've said.

— national interest in that whole area.

A "Communists wouldn't even say Thank You."

Down the road you have to face Communist China & her recognition & her place in United Nation.

Organization of Peace in Asia.

dangerous — but it's real.

—

be all right to have Governor.

McCloy —

A Landon said

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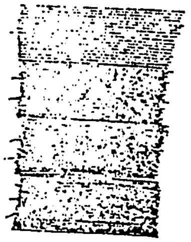
Greene:

Enclave concept can work.

1 Corps 2 Division & a wing.



North.

strike POL storage in North.

Take out IL-28's MiGs

& industrial targets too.

blockade or mining.

blockade Cambodia.

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25%

How long: 5 years + 500,000 Americans.

Will U.S. people back us - yes, they will.

- they need to know the stakes.

- they understand pledge, they understand

they don't understand national interest

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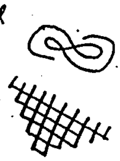

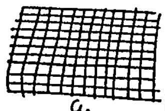

Army

General Johnson: we are in a [illegible].

I dont think they'll come in with hundreds of thousands of men.

1644 / 11.99

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1461
188

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Johnny Johnson would have cleaned out rebel-held section of city.

P. Ho and his 20-year past determination?

J. Yes he is.

1/8
1/6

P. Press the question of civilians & whether we kill a lot.

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12.5 Billion is the proposed JCS figure.

Clifford: One Question: What happens if we are successful?

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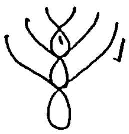
P gets George's point. promptly - Geo. has another point: we get pulled in Sens panel. & then we are under pressure to go North.



DR) we've got to 80,000 & we have not had reminiscence of Korea.

McCloy) Can we shed some light.

① elections ?

② ~~without~~ what kind of government.

③ Victory ?

DR) infiltration must stop. 325 DRV

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then these people take up their own life

U.S. withdrawal when? - DR then promptly.

LBJ)

We're going to announce plenty of bombers - but we've got to use both hands.

we're going to have to use our left hand. -

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you'll never hold Fulbright, Mansfield, Church

we want peace (but we don't want to look weak)

LBJ take off on stories?

Wheeler oughta make

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Clark Clifford

didn't like military attitude.

underplaying - chance of overplaying decision has been evidently made.

if overplayed: we're committed & win a ground war.

Talk about a lower set of calls.

if you play it carefully you don't commit.

- very bearish about whole enterprise

① Can a military victory be won?

② What do you have if you win?

Yesterday & today I admire your thinking

timing of meetings

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C. A Hartz + Algeria

A Dominican pol. ½ hour. - organize the arguments.

A Speech Content - ① sober
② moderate.

the British draft.

A U. & Dem memo

C A Organization & Leadership.

called President

Albert Gore. - who may oppose Lodge appointment. - Lodge not popular.

1. Vietnam

ready for some real deep trouble

they think the awesome foursome. - McGB runnin' around debatin'

Johnson high-handed buffoon - no class or style. - McNamara is just a computer -

no Bradley - Lovett - Marshall - Stimson

Ⓐ Service Secretaries ?

they will go.

? Weekend - have him cancel. - Rusk.

- Mansfield - Gore - Kennedy - jump a bear & find a rabbit.

see them - waste that time - point out difficulties.

8 or 10. McNamara - Vance - Wheeler - ~~Bundy~~ { George - Rusk - You & Bob.
- get on all fours -

1 a position that doesn't go
2 beyond first 100,000 -
they aren't going to have [illegible]

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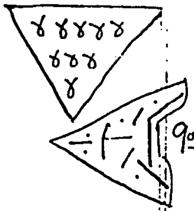
We are ready to have elections - Geneva Accords.

put George on that w/ Goldberg & Fortas.

- George has presented



Goldberg

Clark Clifford this afternoon.